

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-34 are pending in the application: claim 3 has been canceled.

Election/Restriction

Applicant acknowledges that claims 16, 18, 27-29 are withdrawn.

Drawings

The examiner objects to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because the shift fork is not shown.

A shift fork SF is now shown in replacement sheets Figs. 1 and 2. The specification (paragraph 0013) has been amended to include the reference letters "SF". Since the embodiments of Figs. 3, 4, 5 have the same type of shifting fork arrangement, applicant is of the opinion that the illustration of a shift fork in Figs. 1 and 2 suffices in order to fulfill the requirements of 37 CFR 1.83(a).

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite. The examiner points out that the "engagement member" has no antecedence. Claim 17 has been made dependent from claim 4 in order to provide antecedence.

It has come to applicant's attention that claim 18 also lacks antecedence for "axial projections"; the claim has been amended to depend from claim 4 and language tying the engagement member to the axial projections has been added.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims pursuant to 35 USC 112 are therefore respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-2, 13-15, 19-20, 23-26, 30-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Frederiksen '861*.

Claims 4-12, 17, 21-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Frederiksen '861* and further in view of *Vilou*.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 3 so that the above rejections no longer apply.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

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Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 3 and should thus be allowable together with its dependent claims.

The Examiner has withdrawn claims 16, 18, 27-29 as being drawn to non-elected species. **Rejoinder of the claims 16, 18, 27-29** is respectfully requested since claim 1, amended to include the features of claim 3, is allowable and generic to all species since all species have radial play between the pistons and the coupling part.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or e-mail from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

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